

be dispersed over the extended length L.

The length extension ratio of the connecting parts 210 to the bridge parts 190 should be preferably about  $2.5 \sim 3.0 : 1$ , and more preferably should be about  $2.78 : 1$ . In this manner, any ruptures of the connecting parts 210 due to external impacts can be prevented.

To describe it in more detail, the length L of the connecting parts 210 between the supporting part 160 and the bridge parts 190 is set to  $270 \sim 290 \mu\text{m}$ . Further the width of the connecting parts 210 is made to be larger than the width of the bridge parts 190, compared with the conventional case in which if the width of the bridge parts is  $218 \mu\text{m}$ , the length of the connecting parts is zero.

Thus the stress which is imposed by an external impact can be dispersed, so that any ruptures of the connecting parts 210 can be prevented.

At the same time, the length of the bridge parts 190 is extended by  $90 \sim 105 \mu\text{m}$ , and is preferably extended by  $99 \mu\text{m}$  compared with the conventional length, thereby adjusting the resonance frequency variation which is caused by the extension of the connecting parts 210.

That is, the width and the length of the connecting parts 210 are extended, and at the same

time, the length of the bridge parts 190 are also extended, so that a resonance frequency same as that of the conventional crystal oscillator can be attained.

Under this condition, if the length  $L$  of the skewed connecting parts 210 is less than  $270\mu\text{m}$ , then a rupture-proof length of the connecting parts 210 cannot be obtained. On the other hand, if the length  $L$  of the connecting parts 210 is more than  $290\mu\text{m}$ , then the connecting parts 210 can also be easily ruptured.

FIG. 7 illustrates the quartz blank in another embodiment of the present invention. As described above, the width and length of the connecting parts 210 of the quartz blank 150 are extended.

At the same time, the length of the bridge parts 190 is made same as that of the conventional one, while the width of the bridge parts 190 is decreased by a ratio of about  $1/8 \sim 1/9$  compared with the extension of the length of the connecting parts 210.

Preferably, the width of the bridge parts 190 is decreased by  $1/8$  compared with the extension of the length of the connecting parts 210. To define it more specifically, when the length of the connecting parts 210 is  $275\mu\text{m}$ , the width of the bridge parts 190 is made to be  $184\mu\text{m}$  which is

Conventional example	Length and width of connecting part : 0	134 (1.00 )	5.40 (1.00 )	239 (.100)
Example 1	Length of connecting part: +99 $\mu\text{m}$	110 (0.82 )	5.16 (0.96 )	198 (0.82)
Example 2	Width of bridge part: - <del>0</del> 34 $\mu\text{m}$	91 (0.68)	5.24 (0.97 )	154 (0.64)

The figures in the parenthesis are those for the case where the values of the conventional example are assumed to be 1.

As can be seen in Table 1 above, the rupture stress can be significantly reduced in both the first and second embodiments.

According to the present invention as described above, an insulating resin layer is formed between the quartz blank and the cover to elastically press down the conductive adhesive which is spread between the supporting protuberances and the quartz blank. Thus a shock absorbing effect can be reaped, and therefore, the ruptures of the connecting parts of the quartz blank can be prevented.

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A crystal oscillator with ~~an~~ improved shock resistance, comprising:

an oscillator <sup>housing</sup> ~~main body~~ with a pair of supporting protuberances formed therein [J]; <sup>Paragraph</sup> a conductive adhesive being spread on the supporting protuberances;

a quartz blank <sup>having a</sup> ~~with its~~ supporting part bonded, <sup>on</sup> ~~via~~ ~~onto~~ the conductive adhesive, ~~of~~ the supporting protuberances;

a cover secured <sup>to the housing and positioned</sup> upon the quartz blank; and  
an insulating resin layer <sup>placed</sup> ~~spread~~ between the cover and the quartz blank, for elastically pressing down the conductive adhesive.

the supporting part of

2. The crystal oscillator as claimed in claim 1, wherein the insulating resin layer disposed upon the supporting part of the quartz blank is made of epoxy resin.

3. The crystal oscillator as claimed in claim 1, wherein the insulating resin layer disposed upon the supporting part of the quartz blank is <sup>also</sup> ~~formed on~~ <sup>between</sup> sides ~~parts~~ of the quartz blank.

and side walls of the housing

4. The crystal oscillator as claimed in claim 1, wherein the insulating resin layer disposed upon the supporting part of the quartz blank <sup>extends along</sup> ~~is formed on~~ an

entire top and ~~on~~ entire sides of the quartz blank.

5. The crystal oscillator as claimed in claim 1, wherein the insulating resin layer disposed upon the supporting part of the quartz blank ~~is formed on parts~~ <sup>partially covers</sup> ~~of the top and on parts of the sides~~ <sup>a surface each</sup> of the quartz blank.

~~6. The crystal oscillator as claimed in claim 1, wherein the insulating resin layer disposed upon the supporting part of the quartz blank is formed only on entire sides of the quartz blank.~~

quartz blank for use in a  
7. A crystal oscillator with ~~an~~ improved shock resistance, comprising:

a supporting part;

a pair of connecting parts extended from the supporting part; and

a pair of bridge parts ~~elongately~~ <sup>each</sup> extending from one of the connecting parts [7];

wherein a width of each of the connecting parts is ~~longer~~ <sup>greater</sup> than a width of each of the bridge parts [7]; and

wherein an outer ~~edge~~ <sup>longitudinal</sup> of each of the connecting parts consist<sup>s</sup> of a parallel ~~part~~ <sup>section</sup> which is straightly extended from an outer ~~edge~~ <sup>longitudinal</sup> of the supporting parts and a slant to an outer ~~edge~~ <sup>section slanted with respect to longitudinal</sup> of the bridge parts <sup>respective</sup>.

quartz blank  
8. The ~~crystal oscillator~~ as claimed in claim 7,

wherein a length of the bridge parts is extended in proportion to a length of the connecting parts.

*quartz blank*

9. The ~~crystal oscillator~~ as claimed in claim 8, wherein a ratio of <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ length of the connecting parts to the extended length of <sup>the</sup> ~~bridge~~ parts is <sup>about</sup> ~~2.5~3.0~~ : 1.

*quartz blank*

10. The ~~crystal oscillator~~ as claimed in claim 7, wherein the bridge parts have <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ width <sup>is about</sup> ~~decreased by~~  $1/8 \sim 1/9$  <sup>or</sup> ~~compared with~~ a length of the connecting parts.

11. A crystal oscillator with ~~an~~ improved shock resistance, comprising:

an oscillator <sup>housing</sup> ~~main body~~ with a pair of supporting protuberances <sup>formed therein</sup> ~~projecting within~~ it, and a conductive adhesive spread on the supporting protuberances;

a quartz blank consisting of: <sup>i</sup> i) a supporting part ~~for~~ being bonded onto the supporting protuberances <sup>by</sup> ~~across~~ the conductive adhesive; ii) a pair of connecting parts <sup>longitudinally</sup> ~~extending~~ from the supporting part; and iii) a pair of bridge parts <sup>each</sup> ~~extending~~ from the <sup>one of</sup> ~~pair of~~ the connecting parts ~~respectively~~;

a cover ~~for~~ being secured upon the quartz blank; and

*to the housing and positioned*

an insulating resin layer for elastically pressing down the conductive adhesive between the quartz blank and the supporting protuberances [3] ;

wherein a width of each of the connecting parts is <sup>greater than</sup> ~~longer~~ than a width of ~~each of~~ <sup>respective</sup> the bridge part [3] ;

wherein an <sup>longitudinal</sup> inside edge of the connecting parts is straightly aligned with an <sup>longitudinal</sup> inside edge of ~~each~~ <sup>respective</sup> of the bridge part [3] ; and

wherein an <sup>of</sup> outer edge of each the connecting parts consist<sup>s</sup> of a parallel <sup>section</sup> part which is straightly extended from an <sup>longitudinal</sup> outer edge of the supporting part and <sup>a</sup> ~~slant part slants~~ <sup>longitudinal</sup> to an <sup>of</sup> outer edge of the bridge parts.

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